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OUT ON \$500 BOND

Three CORE Workers Jailed In Disturbance

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Three teen-aged members of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) were arrested Wednesday on charges of disturbing worship services at Thomas Road Baptist Church Sunday, and later were released on \$500 bond each pending preliminary hearings in Lynchburg Aug. 6.

The three were arrested by State Trooper T. R. Sexton and Campbell County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Mac Barbour on Eastbrook Road in Campbell County at approximately 4 p.m. Wednesday.

They were: Jon Neil Wadleigh, 18, of Vienna; Marc Daniels Gripman, 16, of Falls Church, and Tom Eugene Proulx Jr., 17, of Arlington. They were charged with disturbing the worship service in warrants filed by Walter R. Carey Sr. of Rt. 2, Rustburg, an usher at the church.

Det. Sgt. Hubert Nash of

the Lynchburg Police Department said the trio "admitted they did certain things at the church." He added that there is the possibility that Wadleigh also will be charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Nash said he did not know whether a Negro boy who accompanied the three white youths took part in the disturbance. The Negro's identity is not known and no warrant has been issued for his arrest.

After being questioned by officers, the trio spent more than one hour in a cell in the police lockup in City Hall before being released on bond. Most of the time was spent loudly singing songs identified with Civil Rights groups.

Bond for the youths was furnished by two Negroes, Theodore N. Burton of Rt. 2, Evington, and Tommy Woods of Eastbrook Road, Rt. 3, Lynchburg. Burton long has been active in the affairs of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Lynchburg.

OFFICERS SAID they were told that Gripman's father, Ray Burke Gripman, is an employee of the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, and Proulx's father — and ex-Army major — is a security officer for the Special Operations Research Organization.

Wadleigh's preliminary hear-

ing will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 6 in Lynchburg Municipal Court, while Gripman and Proulx will be given hearings in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court at 11 a.m. the same day.

The hearings originally were set by Assistant Municipal Court Judge Leroy E. Glass for Aug. 13, but the youths said they preferred the earlier date, as they wished to return home as soon as possible.

The three said they came to Lynchburg to organize a CORE chapter in Campbell County and to test city and county restaurants to see if they were integrated in compliance with the Civil Rights Act.

Wadleigh and Gripman said Tuesday that the Thomas Road church would be the scene of another kneel-in this coming Sunday to protest what the CORE leaders termed "discrimination among persons wanting to worship."

Because of last Sunday's notice of another such "action project" planned for this Sun-

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day, the Rev. Jerry Falwell of the Thomas Road Baptist Church said Tuesday night that plans have been made in case another demonstration is staged. However, he refused to say what the plans involved or whether the police were connected with it.

Falwell, along with Commonwealth's Attorney Royston Jester III, met behind closed doors for approximately an hour Wednesday along with Capt. Gilliam, Det. Capt. W. H. Phlegar and Police Chief R. O. Brooks, reportedly to discuss the procedure to be used in dealing with any CORE activities. The meeting was held in the police chief's office at City Hall.

Shortly after the meeting, Judge Glass was requested to prepare the warrants. Carey

was present with Falwell at police headquarters while Glass signed the warrants.

The CORE workers said they were sent to Campbell County following a request for organizers from Burton of the Campbell County Civic League. They said they were also working on a voter registration program in the area while "testing" area restaurants to see if operators would serve groups of Negroes and whites.

The "tests" were to continue throughout the week with one "test" reportedly planned at an Altavista drive-in tonight.

The trio said they would leave the area Sunday, but that they expected the newly organized CORE chapter to be in full operation. The three said they have been meeting with an estimated 50 persons, mostly Negroes, who are interested in joining the local group.

